(c) the reasons for denotifying those areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. On the basis of the proposals for different development projects received from various State Governments, approval for diversion of 2,03,927.82 ha. of forest land including protected forest for non-forestry uses has been accorded under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, between the period 1.1.90 to 28.2.95. According to the reports available from the States, the Government of Himachal Pradesh has denotified 628.40 ha. of Darlaghat Sanctuary in 1991 and the Govt. of Gujarat has denotified 76,579 ha. of Narayan Sarovar Sanctuary in 1993.

Approval for Projects envisaging reclamation of land

2443. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the coastal zone regulations, approval of Government is mandatory for projects which envisage reclamation of land, particularly in the back waters in the coastal regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of projects received by Government seeking its approval for projects which envisage reclamation of land along the coastal areas, since 1990-91;

(d) whether several of such projects have received approval; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposals envisaging reclamation of land in the coastal regions should acquire environmental clearance from the Ministry under the coastal zone regulations notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

(c) to (e) This Ministry has received some proposals from port authorities, and other agencies seeking such environmental clearance. A list of such projects received/cleared since 1990-91 is given at Statement (*See* below). Each proposal is examined on its merits and environmental clearance, if accorded, is accompanied by various environmental safeguards.

Statement

Details of projects received since 1990-91, which envisage reclamation of land along the coastal areas.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Status
	Andaman & Nicobar Island	
1.	Construction of Berth No. 3&4 Haddo in Port Blair.	Approved
2.	Construction of Ramp at Aberdeen Jetty in Port Blair.	Approved
3.	Construction of two numbers Transit Godown and Development of the area at the root of Chattam Causeway in Port Blair.	Approved
	Andhra Pradesh	
4.	Construction of Multi-purpose berth in the inner Harbour at Visakhapatnam Port.	Approved
5.	Construction of Multi-purpose berth in outer Harbour of Visakhapatnam Port.	Approved

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Status
6.	Construction of LPG Handling Jetty in outer Harbour of Visakhapatnam Port Trust.	Approved
7.	Seawater Magnesia project at Chippada in Visakhapatnam.	Approved
Goa		
8.	Construction of an Additional General Cargo Berth at Mormugao Port.	Approved
9.	Construction of Fishing Jetty at Chicalim Bay for Mormugao Port.	Under consideration
Gujarat		
10.	Development of full-fledged container handling facilities at Kandla Port.	Approved
11.	Captive berth in Village Kovaya, Rajuka Taluka, Amereli for cement project at M/s Larsen & Toubro Ltd.	Under consideration
12.	Expansion of Mangrol Fishing Harbour Stage-II	Under consideration
13.	Construction of a port terminal at Dahej in the Gulf of Cambay for handling the liquid hydrocarbon and other chemicals proposal of M/s India Petrochemical Corp. Ltd.	Under consideration
14.	Construction of captive jetty near Dahej port by Indo-Gulf Fertilizers & Chemicals Crop. Ltd., for copper smelting plant at Lakhigam.	Under consideration
15.	Construction of Fishery Harbour at Jakhau in Kutch District.	Under consideration
16.	Construction of 4th oil jetty at Kandla Port.	Under consideration
Karnataka		
17.	Port facilties for handling crude POL products at New Manglore Port.	Approved
Kerala		
18.	Construction of Fishing Harbour at Molpa Bay in Cannannore Distt. Kerala.	Approved
19.	Construction of Fish Landing Centre at Quilandi in Calicut Distt. Kerala.	Approved
20.	Construction of Fishing Harbour at Ponnani Malappuram Distt. of Kerala.	Approved
21.	Construction of Fish Landing Centre at Kottoor-Pollathai, Kerala.	Approved
22.	Construction of Fish Landing Centre at Arthungal in Kerala.	Approved
23.	Construction of Fishing Harbour at Chambol in Kerala.	Approved
24.	Construction of Break Water Berthing and Landing facilities at Thattapalai.	Approved
25.	Construction of second stage Fish Landing facilities at Malpe Fishing Harbour.	Approved
26.	Construction of Fish Landing Centre at Punnapra in Kerala.	Approved
27.	Fisheries Harbour Stage-II Development at Cochin, Kerala.	Under consideration
28.	Development of Thangassey Fishery Harbour Stage-II in Quilon District.	Under consideration
29.	Integrated Development of Islands at Cochin Proposal of Goshree Islands Development Authoirty, Cochin, Kerala.	Under consideration
Maharashtra		
30.	Construction of New and All-Weather Jetty at Elephanta Island.	Approved
31.	Construction of Shore facilities in Sasson Dock in Bombay Port Trust Harbour.	Approved
32.	Construction of an Approach/bridge service Berth at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust.	Approved
33.	Bombay Sewage Disposal Project.	Approved
34.	Land reclamation of Frere Basin by Bombay Port Trust.	Approved
35.	Environmental clearance for Captive Jetty for sponge iron project in Tashel Pen, Raigad by M/s Nippon Denro Ispat Ltd	Approved
36.	Construction of Worli-Bandra Link Road in Bombay.	Under consideration
Orissa		
37.	Construction of Multi- purpose cargo berth at Paradeep Port Trust.	Approved
Tamil Nadu		
38.	Setting up of a New Satellite Port at Ennore North of Madras.	Approved
39.	Madras Fishing Harbour Stage-II.	Approved
40.	Replacement of RCC Jetty with Block Work Pier at Extension Port by Tuticorin Port Trust.	Approved
41.	Extension of South Quay-III and modernisation of East Quay Berths at Madras Port.	Rejected
42.	Extension of Container Terminal at Bharathi Dock at Madras Port.	Rejected

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Status
West Bengal		
43.	Development of Calcutta Port Trust Land in Boat Canal Area.	Rejected
44.	Development of Calcutta Port Trust Land in Strand Area.	Rejected

Pollution due to Effluents Discharged by Industries

2444. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report headlined "Ankaleshwar, Vapi on the brink of disaster" published in the Indian Express, dated the 12th December, 1994;

(b) If so, whether Government have tried to ascertain the details and incidence of heavy pollution due to effluents discharged by thousands of industrial units, without proper treatment facilities;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to check the phenomenon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The news report headlined "Ankaleshwar, Vapi on the brink of disaster", published in the Indian Express, dated the 12th December, 1994 is based on the study carried out by the Central Pollution Control Board in pursuance of the direction from the Ministry of Environment & Forests. The report has highlighted the present status of environment in the area and also recommended steps to be taken on priority for pollution control in the Ankleshwar-Vapi Industrial belt.

(c) The steps taken to check pollution in this area include the following:

(i) The various measures to be taken for pollution control in Ankleshwar-Vapi industrial belt as recommended by the Central Pollution Control Board in their report have been forwarded to Gujarat State Pollution Control Board for taking urgent action.

(ii) The Gujarat State Pollution Control Board through its sub-regional offices at Vapi and Bharuch carried out intensive monitoring of industries from pollution control point of view. Based on these findings, the Board issued directions/legal notices to the defaulting units. The Board has also taken action under section 31-A of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, against the air polluting units by issuing closure order and directions to the concerned authorities for disconnection of water and power supply.

(iii) Most of the large and medium scale industries under the 17 categories of heavily polluting industries have installed the requisite pollution control facilities.

(iv) For small scale units located in Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) Estates at Vapi and Ankaleshwar, GIDC has worked out a time bound programme for providing effluent collection and disposal system.

(v) The Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) at Vapi is expected to be completed by the year 1995.

(vi) Vapi and Ankaleshwar have been identified as critically polluted areas and action plan to control industrial pollution in respect of Vapi has been evolved in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board.